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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

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Dear Commissioner:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 10, 2006, wherein this Reply is timely filed within the two-month period for receiving an Advisory Action, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2814.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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